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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Docket No.  
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### To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Christophe BERTEZ, Jean HAMY and Olivier MATILE  
corresponding to French application 0000231, filed January  
10, 2000,  
entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LASER CUTTING OF STAIN-  
LESS STEEL, COATED STEEL, ALUMINUM OR ALUMINUM ALLOYS WITH A  
BIFOCAL OPTICAL COMPONENT

Enclosed are:

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